

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising an upper surface of said automatic money handling machine being formed flat, a base plate, a housing space for housing said automatic money handling machine being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said automatic money handling machine is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said automatic money handling machine being usually held over said opening by a supporting means so as to protrude above said base plate, the supporting function of said supporting means being cancelable, said automatic money handling machine dropping downwardly into said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate when the supporting function of said supporting means is canceled.

2. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said automatic money handling machine is surrounded by a protection wall fixed on said base plate.

3. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a building containing said automatic money handling machine, said building having a flat upper surface, a base plate, a housing space for housing said building being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said building is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said building being usually held over said opening by a supporting means so as to protrude above said base plate, the supporting function of said supporting means being cancelable, said

building dropping downwardly into said housing space together with said automatic money handling machine so that said building does not protrude above said base plate when the supporting function of said supporting means is canceled.

4. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising an upper surface of said automatic money handling machine being formed flat, a base plate, a housing space for housing said automatic money handling machine being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said automatic money handling machine is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said automatic money handling machine being usually held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate, and a vertically moving means for vertically moving said automatic money handling machine between a position in which said automatic money handling machine is held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate and another position in which said automatic money handling machine is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate.

5. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein said automatic money handling machine is surrounded by a protection wall fixed on said base plate.

6. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a building containing said automatic money handling machine, said building having a flat upper surface, a base plate, a housing space for housing said building being formed under said base plate, said base plate

having an opening through which said building is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said building being usually held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate, and a vertically moving means for vertically moving said building between a position in which said building is held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate and another position in which said building is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate.

7. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a protection container disposed near said automatic money handling machine, said automatic money handling machine being movable into said protection container.

8. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising said automatic money handling machine being installed on a base plate, a money container in said automatic money handling machine having a flat upper surface, a housing space for housing said money container being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said money container is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said money container being usually held over said opening and in a proper position within said automatic money handling machine by a supporting means, the supporting function of said supporting means being cancelable, said money container dropping downwardly into said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate when the supporting function of said supporting means is canceled.

9. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising said automatic money handling machine being installed on a base plate, a money container in said automatic money

handling machine having a flat upper surface, a housing space for housing said money container being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said money container is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said money container being usually held over said opening and in a proper position within said automatic money handling machine, and a vertically moving means for vertically moving said money container between said proper position within said automatic money handling machine and another position in which said money container is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate.

10. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a money container of said automatic money handling machine being disposed in a place away from said automatic money handling machine, said money container being connected with said automatic money handling machine by a money conveying means.

11. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a money container of said automatic money handling machine being disposed in the ground on the outside of said automatic money handling machine, said money container being connected with said automatic money handling machine by a money conveying means.

12. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a base plate, a housing space for housing said automatic money handling machine being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said automatic money handling machine is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said automatic money handling machine

being usually held over said opening by a supporting means so that said automatic money handling machine protrudes above said base plate and the bottom of said automatic money handling machine is higher than said base plate, the supporting function of said supporting means being cancelable, said automatic money handling machine dropping downwardly into said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate when the supporting function of said supporting means is canceled, said automatic money handling machine being surrounded by a wall, a part of said wall being adapted to cover said opening after said automatic money handling machine drops downwardly into said housing space.

13. A means for protecting an automatic money handling machine, comprising a base plate, a housing space for housing said automatic money handling machine being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said automatic money handling machine is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said automatic money handling machine being usually held in a position over said opening in which position said automatic money handling machine protrudes above said base plate and the bottom of said automatic money handling machine is higher than said base plate, a vertically moving means for vertically moving said automatic money handling machine between said position and another position in which said automatic money handling machine is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate, said automatic money handling machine being surrounded by a wall, a part of said wall being adapted to cover said opening after said automatic money handling machine moves downwardly into said housing space.

14. A means for protecting a computer, comprising a base plate, a housing space for housing said computer being formed under said base plate, said base plate having an opening through which said computer is passed, said opening continuing to said housing space, said computer being usually held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate, a vertically moving means for vertically moving said computer between a position in which said computer is held over said opening so as to protrude above said base plate and another position in which said computer is housed within said housing space so as not to protrude above said base plate, a protection plate being disposed near said opening, said protection plate being adapted to cover said opening after said computer moves downwardly into said housing space.